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SUBJECT: CALL BY UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE ANTOINE NOEL

REF: A) KINSHASA 1176; B) GENEVA 1403

1. PRIOR TO HIS THURSDAY DEPARTURE FOR GENEVA, LOCAL UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE NOEL CALLED MARCH 2 ON POLCOUNS AND AID PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER KENNEDY, AT HIS REQUEST. MAIN PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT APPEARED TO BE TO STRESS NEED FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN EMBASSY AND HIS OFFICE. BOTH MISSIONS, HE SAID, SHOULD BE FRIENDS, NOT ENEMIES, AS APPEARED TO BE THE CASE. HE NOTED THAT HE HAD SEEN OUR REPORTS WHICH HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED TO HIM BY HIS HEADQUARTERS. HE FURTHER SAID THAT THESE REPORTS HAD CAUSED UNHCR GENEVA TO POSE MANY QUESTIONS TO WHICH HE HAS SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME IN RESPONDING. HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BEST FOR THE EMBASSY TO DISCUSS THE REFUGEE SITUATION WITH HIM FIRST IN ORDER TO IRON OUT ANY DIFFERING VIEWS.

2. POLCOUNS REMARKED THAT EMBASSY HAD BEEN AND STILL WAS FULLY PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH NOEL'S OFFICE BUT THAT DESPITE OFFERS TO DO SO, RESULTS HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTING TO DATE. HE DREW PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO REQUEST TO HAVE DR. KENNEDY ACCOMPANY NOEL DURING HIS RECENT TRIP TO THE TSHELA REGION AS WELL AS
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DIRECT REQUESTS FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION RELATING TO UNHCR ACTIVITIES, WHICH SO FAR EMBASSY HAD NOT RECEIVED. NOEL REITERATED HIS ARGUMENT (REF A) WHY HE HAD NOT THOUGHT IT A GOOD IDEA FOR DR. KENNEDY TO ACCOMPANY HIM, NOTING THAT IT WAS BETTER TO HAVE SEPARATE MISSIONS, AFTER WHICH IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO COMPARE NOTES. HE FURTHER COMMENTED THAT HE HAD HOPED THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN SUCH A POSSIBILITY BEFORE OUR RPT OUR REPORT HAD BEEN

SUBMITTED. WE SUGGESTED THAT HE HAD NOT TAKEN THE OCCASION TO CONSULT WITH US AFTER HIS TRIP ALTHOUGH HE KNEW FULLY WELL THAT DR. KENNEDY WAS MAKING A SIMILAR VISIT TO TSHELA. NOEL CONCLUDED THE CONVERSATION WITH FURTHER PLEA FOR GREATER COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO MISSIONS.

3. BEFORE LEAVING, NOEL TOLD US THAT HE HAD BEEN VERY SICK SINCE HIS RETURN FROM THE TSHELA REGION AND HE WOULD BE GOING TO GENEVA FOR MEDICAL CONSULTATION. HE NOTED IN PASSING THAT "OF COURSE HE WOULD SPEND ONE OR TWO DAYS AT HEADQUARTERS".

4. COMMENT: NOEL'S DEMEANOR WAS ONE OF SOMEONE WHO HAD RECENTLY BEEN PUT THROUGH THE MILL. HIS CONVERSATION WAS GENERALLY INCOHERENT AND AT TIMES, ILLOGICAL, AND, IN ADDITION TO BEING CLEARLY SICK, HE SEEMED MORE NERVOUS AND SHAKY THAN IN PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS.

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